

**From:** Rhodes, Jason (RIDOH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 1:08 PM  
**To:** John Potvin <[jpotvin@eastprovfire.com](mailto:jpotvin@eastprovfire.com)>  
**Cc:** Ken Williams [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** QA of EPFD EMS reports

Good afternoon Capt. Potvin,

During the process of performing quality review of intubation from across the state, it was noted that EKG and EtCO<sub>2</sub> tracings were not present in East Providence FD's reports.

Please review the attached advisory notice from April 2019 and instruct your staff to upload EKG and waveform capnography tracings on all calls, not just cardiac arrest. Also, orotracheal intubation is not the advanced airway of choice, as noted in the attached advisory notice. Please note this incident that was reviewed:

Incident #19-5643-IN:

1. Intubation was attempted twice without use of a supraglottic airway first. After two failed intubations, a King tube was successfully used to secure the airway.
2. Naloxone administered during cardiac arrest. It is not indicated during cardiac arrest, which is specifically mentioned in the pearls section of the current Cardiac Arrest protocol.

Incident #19-7246-IN:

1. Intubation by engine company
2. No mention of a supraglottic airway

Thank you for your immediate attention in these matters.

Jason M. Rhodes, MPA, AEMT-C  
Chief of the Center for Emergency Medical Services  
Tactical Communications Coordinator  
Relator | Learner | Analytical | Strategic | Achiever Center for Emergency Medical Services Division of  
Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease & EMS Rhode Island Department of Health  
3 Capitol Hill, Room 105  
(t) 401-222-5916 (desk)  
(t) 401-222-2401 (center)  
(f) 401-222-3352  
[www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov) – [facebook.com/HealthRI](https://www.facebook.com/HealthRI) -- @RIHEALTH